

Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care Policy Statement

The Board of Respiratory Care adopted the following policy on October 26, 2004:

A respiratory care practitioner licensed in Tennessee is required to complete ten (10) contact hours of continuing education every calendar year. (*See Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1330-1-.12 regarding continuing education requirements.*)

Should the respiratory care practitioner fail to obtain the continuing education hours for a calendar year, the following shall occur:

- 1. The respiratory care practitioner must pay a civil penalty in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00). Payment must be rendered within ninety (90) days of notification from the Board that the respiratory care practitioner has been found to have failed to obtain the required continuing education hours.**
- 2. The respiratory care practitioner must make up the amount of continuing education hours that he/she is lacking, in addition to completing the continuing education hours requirement for the current calendar year. The deficient hours must be made up within ninety (90) days of receipt of this policy. Documented proof of the deficient hours obtained must be submitted to the Board upon completion.**
- 3. The respiratory care practitioner must complete an additional five (5) continuing education hours. This requirement is in addition to the requirement that the respiratory care practitioner make up the continuing education hours that he/she is lacking, and in addition to the continuing education hours requirement for the current calendar year. The five (5) hours must be made up within ninety (90) days of receipt of this policy. Documented proof of completion of the deficient hours must be submitted to the Board upon completion.**

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action. Failure to respond to the Board request for documentation or to make up deficient continuing education hours after notification by the Board may also result in disciplinary action.